Building the Network: Professional Learning and Social Media

Social media tools have changed how people connect. We are no longer limited by time and location. We have the ability to share ideas, images, and resources through micro-blogging tools such as Twitter, we can reflect upon resources through blogs that allow authors to develop their ideas through audio, visual and text. Youtube has introduced us to citizen journalism, providing the world with a forum to share their digital narrative. This information comes to us at a rate that demands high level critical thinking skills to help users become actively involved in the network. Participants in this session will:

* Develop an understanding of how to use tools that enable connections to a virtual learning community;
* Begin to create a professional learning network to meet your personal learning goals;
* Discuss the importance of these virtual connections.

Here is the link to my bio on my blog:

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